

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
6:15 P.M.

Call to Order: The Park and Recreation board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Other members present were: Tim Shuppert, Tim Yazel, Jan Voiles, AnnaKaren Pennington and Liz Crain. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Ron Wilson, Parks Liaison Cindy Humphrey, Pool Manager Anita Carfield and Secretary Carla Sharpe.

Minutes: Minutes of August 12, 2008 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve August 12th minutes. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Pool Manager Carfield stated she was present to answer questions from her last month's request.
Yazel asked if it will take her all season to train a new manager. Carfield stated, after working this next season, she will make a list and make arrangements for who ever steps into her position.
Yazel asked if she had someone in mind for the position. Carfield said no.
Yazel asked who would be there on weekends. Carfield said one of three managers. The pool manager always alternates with the two assistant managers.
Carfield said she is wanting to phase out. Not wanting any more commitment.
Yazel asked if the assistant managers are in agreement with this arrangement. Carfield said yes they have had a meeting.
Corn asked if the assistant managers will want a pay increase also. Carfield said yes they would like a raise also.
Mathews said he wants to stay out of this but has a suggestion. He suggested raising Carfield's salary from \$10.50 to \$11.00 and the assistant's salary from \$8.50 to \$9.00.
Yazel stated going from \$10.50 to \$12.00 is a 14% increase and asked Sharpe what City employees were getting. Sharpe stated City employees are getting a \$700 raise.
Yazel said it's hard to justify this for the pool manager when other employees are only getting \$700.
Yazel said he sits on a lot of boards and usually boards give employees a 6-8% increase for outstanding performance. Everyone is having to cut budgets. Every board he is on is cutting budgets.
Crain asked how many assistants Carfield had. Carfield answered two.
Pennington questioned Carfield's hours. Carfield said her hours would be 10:00-10:30 a.m. to 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. What she is asking this year is to come in at 10:30 and leave at 4:30. There is two weeks during Summer School P.E. she will come in at 7:30 a.m.
Yazel suggested giving Carfield \$11.13 an hour which would be a 6% increase.
Yazel asked Humphrey if the salary ordinance had been set.
Humphrey said if it was already advertised the salary ordinance would have to be amended.
Wilson stated if the salary ordinance has been advertised you can't raise figures but you can lower figures.
Sharpe stated if the salary ordinance is set they will get their last years pay plus the 25 cent longevity.
Corn asked if this had to be approved by the Council. Sharpe said yes the Parks Board will take this recommendation to the Council for approval.

Corn suggested taking this request to the next Council meeting and this board can then act on their recommendation at next month's meeting.
Shuppert questioned the hourly pay for guards. Carfield stated she would like to see the guards with more experience get more. Guards starting out make \$7.00 and the more experienced guards should be making more money.

Swimming lessons were discussed. Guards get \$25 for 7 lessons up to 4 pupils.
Carfield said when you figure it out the guards are only getting \$3.00 for 30 minutes.
Carfield said this is a win-win situation for the City. If they can just get an hourly wage it would be better for them.
Yazel asked how long it would take to train a new manager. Carfield said she wants the new manager to set through interviews in February or March. Be there in April for set up. And work with new manager the first three weeks at the most then she hopes to turn them loose.
She will work all this next year but doesn't want to even be on call.
The board thanked Carfield.

Mathews stated that he and Sharpe have been working on Halloween. Sharpe said donation letters will go out by the end of this month. Donations of money or candy are being accepted at this time. There will be a Halloween Parade of Costumes on Friday, October 31st. Sharpe and Mathews will go to Sam's Club to get candy and treats. The treat bagging party will be a week before Halloween.

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Claims: Reviewed before meeting by Shuppert and Crain. Shuppert moved to approve the claims for the month. Pennington seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Unfinished Business:
Consider Quotes for Basketball Goals for Community Park –Mathews stated he received one quote from Hoop World. This company installed the goals in the West End Park. Mathews said he can get the cost down by using the Street Department. Complete quote is \$3,714 for two goals. Mathews said there is money in the budget to do this year. Mathews said if the Street Department prepares the grounds the quote will go down. Yazel asked if we really needed the pole pads. Shuppert said he is afraid they will get ripped off or torn up.
Mathews said at some point in time he will need to replace the basketball goals in South Veterans Memorial Park. We will also need to resurface.
Voiles moved to accept Hoop World’s quote. Crain seconded. Motion carried.

Voiles shared with Mathews that in South Veterans Memorial Park, the walking path by the Memorial bridge, to the street, there is a place where it has sunken down 2-3 inches. Close to the Park Restaurant. This is about 4-5 feet from the gazebo on the path. Mathews assured Voiles he would look at this tomorrow.

Mathews stated he feels the skateboard ramp needs back stops on them.

Discuss Pool Managers Request – Taken care of above.

Discuss Animal Ordinance – Attorney Ron Wilson stated he has checked with other cities and no one prohibits animals such as this. Snakes doesn’t seem to be an issue in other counties.
Corn said maybe we won’t have any more problems with this.

Amend Minutes for Christmas Party – Mathews stated that according to the Clerk-Treasurer and State Board of Accounts we can’t do Christmas parties anymore. In the past he has taken this out of Special Events. He can possibly talk to vendors for donations.
Mathews said it is sad to say we can no longer have a Christmas party. It has always been a good program and lots of fun but he will not do anything illegal.
We were written up for this and the minute’s needs to be amended that there will no longer be Christmas parties.

Mathews said that he also gets jail inmates out and they do work in the parks at no cost to us. In the past he buys them hamburgers and has been reimbursed. He can no longer do this anymore either.
He doesn’t mind buying this out of his pocket but we are getting services for free and feels the least we can do is feed them.
Shuppert suggested Mathews talking to the County to get reimbursed.
The board was disappointed about this as we get a lot of work done from the inmates.
The board said Mathews shouldn’t have to pay for meals out of his own pocket.
Mathews said this was good for the City and good for the inmates.
Mathews said he will continue to get them out of jail to get work done and will continue to pay for their meals but will just pay for it out of his own pocket.

New Business: None at this time.

Items not known in advance: Shuppert said he would like to thank everyone who worked with the Willkie Park repairs. They sure did a good job!

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM YAZEL, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

ANNA KAREN PENNINGTON, MEMBER

LIZ CRAIN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY